

No Coal Orders Now

Heatless Homes This Winter Unless the Situation is Remedied—Some of the Factories on the Ragged Edge.

A canvass taken this morning among the larger coal firms in the city confirms the statement made yesterday by Harry E. Husted, of the City Ice and Coal Co., that Bridgeport as well as other cities in the state and throughout New England that the coal situation is becoming acute and that unless a remedy is applied soon the city will have to endure heatless apartments this winter. The whole trouble according to the coal dealers interviewed this morning lies in the shortage of cars and the general tie up of transportation facilities of the railroad.

One dealer said this morning that there were a number of factories in the city that were on a ragged edge and were carrying on only coal enough to last them for 48 hours should their supply be cut entirely. Other factories are reported as having a supply that will tide them over for two weeks. Due to the fact that shipments have not been reaching New York by rail the boats that ply between this city and New York have been curtailed.

At the Board of Contract and Supply this morning it was said the city institutions were being taken care of and they had no cause to worry as yet over the shortage.

Regarding the coal supply to the families one dealer said the public did not realize how acute the situation was and made the prediction that the retail price per ton of stove and furnace coal would be jumped from the present price of \$15 per ton to \$25 unless the situation was remedied. At the present time no coal dealers in the city are taking any orders nor will they make any promises for delivery in the future.

WANDERER READY TO DIE FOR THE SLAYING OF WIFE

Chicago, July 16.—Formal charges of murder were prepared today by State's Attorney Macley Hoyne to be preferred against Carl Wanderer who confessed last night to killing his wife and a tramp.

He first said his motive was a desire to go back into the army free from marital ties. Later he revealed that he wished to inherit her estate.

He admitted that he had shot to death his bride of a few months in the hallway of their apartment building and that he also shot a tramp whom he enticed there so he could kill him and then accuse him of having tried to rob him and his wife, who in two minutes would have become a mother.

Wanderer's story of how the ragged stranger was hired to be the unwilling victim in the double murder was told by him in the same cold blooded unemotional way he related the details of his wife's death.

He picked up the man on the West Side on the day of the murder by offering him a job as a truck driver. An appointment was made for that evening. When the stranger came, Wanderer told him that he wanted him to follow Mrs. Wanderer into the apartment house and stage a fake holdup. When Wanderer and his wife returned from the theatre the stranger played his part as directed and was met with a stream of lead.

Wanderer then turned on his wife and shot her twice. She died within five minutes. Her only words were "the baby."

She withdrew \$1,000 from a bank on his request that it be transferred to a bank nearer home. The money was in the house the day of the murder. Before his confession Wanderer had insisted that a strange man held up him and his wife with the demand "fork over the money."

"It is one of the most cold blooded and revolting crimes in Chicago's history," said Mr. Hoyne. "We shall ask an immediate trial and the rope."

"I want to be hanged," Wanderer commented. "I hope to join her in death. I wonder if she will forgive me. Well, I loved her too much to let another man get her. But I didn't want her myself."

"I certainly will sleep much better now. I feel better with that off my chest. I had had dreams and the picture of the hallway with my wife lying there came back once in a while. I feel like a new man and I am ready to kick off whenever they want to take me."

One of the anomalies of the case which misled the police for weeks was the romance of the couple. Wanderer, who had never smoked, chewed, drank or indulged in slang, had but one love affair, the one with Ruth Johnson, who became his wife in a "war romance."

"She was the only girl I ever kissed," he told the police.

He took her to church every Sunday.

MILLIONS OF WHITE FISH IN SOUND WATERS

Great School of Them Are Seen by Ship-Men—Fore-runner of Good Fishing Days, the Waterwise Say.

The waters of the harbor and Long Island Sound are alive with white fish also known as menhaden or moss-bunkers and boats plying in the harbor run into immense schools of these fish on every trip.

Even the bathers at Fairfield Beach and the beaches along the Milford shore see them jumping out of the water in close proximity.

According to fishermen this return of white fish to local waters means that the fishing for blues and mackerel will be the best in a number of years as these voracious fishes are known to follow the white fish along the coast and are continually attacking them for food.

The menhaden fishing fleet which usually operates on the south shore of Long Island are now making great catches in the Sound off Bridgeport one boat taking over 250,000 fish yesterday.

These fish are taken to factories in Long Island where fish oils, glue and fertilizers are made of them. They are so long and oily that they are undesirable for human food.

About 30 years ago there were several of these factories along the Connecticut coast at Charles Island, Welch's Point and Norwalk where a great quantity of fertilizer was turned out each year. The stench from these factories, when the wind was from the south, was so great however, that they were closed on protest from persons living in the neighborhood.

U. S. TENNIS MEN ELIMINATE FRENCH

Eastbourne, Eng., July 16.—(By The A. P.)—American tennis players today eliminated France from the Davis Cup competition.

William M. Johnston of California and William T. Tilden of Philadelphia today defeated Andre H. Gobert and William H. Laurentz in doubles.

Yesterday, Johnston defeated Gobert and Tilden beat Laurentz in singles.

SALVATION ARMY OBTAINED \$7,000

Only a little over \$7,000 was realized by the Salvation Army in their recent drive for \$55,000 to pay off the mortgage on the Elm street property according to figures given out this morning by Commandant William Dermody.

Thousands of the books that were sent out were returned by parties who refused to support the drive following a statement made by the Pastor's Association that the scheme to raise funds for the Army was a lottery. The drawing for the prizes that were offered by prominent business officials in the campaign will be awarded in a few days the drawing having been completed yesterday. Commandant Dermody has the list of the prize winners in his possession.

HIT BY TRAIN SHOULDER HURT

Struck a glancing blow by a freight train as he was walking along the tracks near Burr Road last evening, John Konecko, 12 years old, of No. 35 Spruce street, was taken to the Emergency hospital and treated by Dr. Owen J. Groark of the emergency staff for contusions of the left wrist and a slight laceration of the right shoulder, sustained when he was thrown to the ground alongside of the speeding train narrowly escaping from being dragged under the wheels.

NO OPPOSITION TO LAFOLLETTE

Chicago, July 16.—The committee of 48, assisted by delegates representing a half dozen liberal and radical organizations launched the third party movement here today in its national convention.

Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, chosen in a mail referendum the most popular candidate for the presidential nomination, appeared to have no opposition. Nearly all of the 500 delegates wore LaFollette badges.

Alfred McDuff of New York made a keynote address that condemned Republican and Democratic platforms and candidates and declared the time ripe for a new deal politically.

COMMISSIONER HAS JITNEURS ARRESTED

Arrested last night for parking their machines in front of fire hydrant in Fairfield avenue near Main street, Freeman Burr of 39 Pierpont street, and Andrew Sorenson of 533 Wayne street, both jitneymen, were charged with violating the city ordinance which provides against the parking of automobiles in front of fire hydrants. It is understood that the men were arrested upon the complaint of a police commissioner.

FELL DOWN STEPS LACERATING LEG

Slipping on the stone steps at the entrance to the Welfare building, this morning shortly after 10 o'clock, Mrs. Patricia Chellino, 39 years old, of 447 Grand street, fell to the sidewalk and sustained a severe laceration of the left leg. She was carried into the building by two young men who witnessed the accident and treated by Dr. B. J. Burns. She was able to proceed to her home after treatment had been administered.

\$800 IN MACHINISTS' TOOLS ARE STOLEN

Machinists' tools valued at \$800 were stolen from the plant of the Columbia Lock and Bolt company, 1115 Railroad avenue last night, by burglars who gained entrance through a rear window. According to the police, the thieves went through the entire shop and thoroughly ransacked the premises.

Service Men Are Held

Prominent New Britain Men Arrested As Participants in a War Risk Insurance Fraud.

New Britain, July 16.—Lawyer Daniel O'Keefe, law partner of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Joseph G. Wood, and Aloysious Young, both members of prominent New Britain families and veterans of the World War, were arrested last night on a warrant issued by Assistant United States District Attorney George H. Cohen of Hartford. The arrests were made following an all-day investigation conducted in this city today by Federal Agents King and McKenna of Washington into an alleged fraud on government war risk insurance policies.

The two secret service agents spent the greater part of the day in the office of Lawyer O'Keefe. James O'Keefe, a brother of Lawyer O'Keefe, and also a veteran of the World War, was also questioned by the Federal officers. It is understood that valuable evidence against the men "higher up" at the national capital was secured.

Just what part the local men are supposed to have played in the alleged fraud could not be ascertained after their arrest. The local police would divulge no information concerning the men and said they did not know the reason for the arrests.

Lawyer O'Keefe's home is at 115 Clark street. He served as a sergeant in the 102d Infantry, after enlisting in one of the local National Guard companies and was wounded while in France. Young saw service at Camp Devens following his induction into the national army here.

It is said that thousands of dollars all over the country figure in the alleged insurance fraud scheme, by which it is alleged money due on war risk insurance policies has been diverted from its proper channels. As far as can be learned, relative to the local connection, Lawyer O'Keefe made out papers for application for service men for insurance. Government funerals at Washington, it is understood, have been connected with the fraud plot by the secret service and it is thought that evidence against these officials is being collected throughout the country.

It is estimated the members of the legal profession in other Connecticut cities are involved in the case to the extent that they may be called upon as witnesses or put under arrest.

\$400 DAMAGE TO PLAYGROUND

Another act of vandalism, probably the work of boys, was brought to the attention of the police this morning, when it was reported that property in the Wheeler school playground had been damaged to the extent of \$400. This is the second time within a week that the police have been called upon to investigate a case of this nature, and the authorities are determined to round up the youngsters who are responsible for the acts.

Ten out of the 22 boys who were taken into custody by Detective John Burns yesterday for breaking into the Shelton school in Wheeler avenue, were arraigned in the juvenile court this morning, and placed on probation for one month. Twelve of the youths were released after they had been found guilty of any wrong doing.

16 ALIENS ESCAPE AT ELLIS ISLAND

New York, July 16.—Sixteen aliens detained at Ellis Island escaped today and Immigration Inspector Hays appeared at the federal district attorney's office to make charges of conspiracy against certain hospital attendants on the island.

JOHN T.'S ILLNESS IS NOT SERIOUS

Considerable interest was taken in the story that circulated in the city today that John T. King, who returned to his home yesterday, was seriously sick and confined to his bed. Inquiry among his friends developed the fact that while he was not feeling entirely well his condition was not such as to give concern to his family or friends and that it was expected he would be found as usual after a few days rest.

COMPLAINTS OF FAKE STUDENTS

Several complaints have recently been received by the police concerning the activities of men who are posing as students, and who are taking orders for picture enlargements. A number of citizens claim to have paid deposits on work of this nature, but have never received the pictures. The matter has been placed in the hands of the prosecuting attorney for investigation.

CLUB AND MILK BOTTLE AS WEAPONS

Alleged to have struck Mrs. Olga Filinovich of 148 Wessels avenue over the head with a club and a milk bottle during a fight which occurred early this morning in Palisade avenue, John Pavlosky of 21 Grand street was arrested and arraigned in the city court today on charges of assault. The case was continued until July 17.

TEACHERS PROTEST CITY'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF STATE AID

GOV. COX WITH HIS BABY ANNE



This photo is the most recent of the Governor, and was made in Dayton, Ohio, after Cox had been notified that he was the Democratic Party's nominee.—(C) U. & U.

TROLLEY CARS BEAR SIGNS ANNOUNCING SUSPENSION JULY 15

The trolley cars on the Bridgeport-New Haven line today carried cards announcing that after July 15, there would be no trolley service from Bridgeport and that the only service would be from Silver Sands, near Port Trumbull Beach, Milford, to and from New Haven.

It was also announced that on the west of Bridgeport service would be stopped as far as Southport.

The notice contained the further statement that the service would be discontinued until further notice.

This means that the Connecticut Company will abandon the system between Southport on the west to Silver Sands on the east and all traffic between these points will be either by train or jitney.

City Hall will be packed Monday night at the adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen when it is expected that some action will be taken on the proposition of the Connecticut Company that orders be passed banning the jitneys from all streets on which trolleys operate.

The backers of the jitneys will be out in force to see that nothing be done to interfere with the jitney service although the threat of the Connecticut company to stop all trolleys in Bridgeport on July 15, was carried out.

Two more new jitneys of the most up-to-date design arrived in the city yesterday and the officers of the Park City Bus association who went to New York say that they have been given assurances that they can have a sufficient number of these cars to meet all requirements on a day's notice.

They are awaiting the action of the Board of Aldermen before ordering as they seem to think that the Connecticut Co. will make some proposition to continue after the 15th pending a settlement of the dispute.

Alderman Edward J. McManus said today that he could not see that the city had any power to take any action in the matter of curbing the jitney men as requested by the trustees of the Connecticut Co.

The authority of the trustees who have ordered the stoppage of the trolleys is questioned by a number of the legal lights of the city.

They are acting under a decree of the United States court and that the powers of the trustees are limited to the wording of the decree which empowered them to sell the system and make no provision for and gave no authority for them to stop.

Attorneys who were seen said they believed that the trustees could not legally stop the cars without an order of the court which appointed them and then only after notice and due hearing to the parties in interest.

A mail referendum will be submitted to the entire membership, after Monday night's meeting and the result of the vote will be made public on Wednesday morning. Three practical suggestions in regard to the situation were agreed on by the three committees at their meeting yesterday but will not be given out until the meeting.

Another interesting speaker who will have a say in the meeting Monday night will be John Masso, who claims that he represents the largest percentage of jitney operators in the city and who do not belong to either the Park City Bus Association or the Connecticut State organization.

The specific proposition to be submitted at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on Monday night at the Stratford agreed to at a meeting of the Merchants, Traffic and the Transportation committees yesterday afternoon were given out by Seward Price, executive secretary of the chamber, this morning.

"Every possible effort will be made by the chamber to avoid the immediate cessation of the trolley service in Bridgeport," said Mr. Price, "but the Chamber of Commerce will not be in a position to announce its definite stand on the matter until after a complete canvass has been made among the 1,600 members of the chamber."

NORWALK WILL REDUCE COST OF LIGHTING-HONEST!

South Norwalk, Conn., July 16.—It remained for the commissioners of South Norwalk's municipal electric light station to pull a new brand of announcement in these days of high cost of living. It was said at a meeting last night that the rates would be lowered, and that the reduction would take place "just as soon as the new plans get under way." An enlargement of the plant will mean a reduction in the rates. During the war times when electric lighting companies in general were making announcements practically every week of increases in cost of current, the plant did not raise the rate, but gave service at the old 1918 rate. Three months ago an increase, by means of a fixed charge of fifty cents a month, was made by the municipal plant. The Connecticut Light and Power Co., a competitor of the municipal plant has a higher rate for service than the municipal plant, and recently made an increase of 75 cents a month "fixed charge" for all gas users, whether a payment meter or on the bill.

FAIR, WARM, SUNDAY WEATHER MAN SAYS

A fair Sunday, the weather man says of tomorrow. It was warm today, not so torrid in the matter of temperature but in the matter of humidity it was quite uncomfortable. At noon today the street temperature registered in the lower eighties but most people thought it was warmer than that. A warm—not too warm—Sunday will make business good at the beaches.

Evicted Tenant Painted Rooms Police Charge

According to the story told the police, Peter Brewster of 355 East Main street painted over the paper and woodwork in an apartment at 28 Laura street, where he formerly resided, he figured that he was improving the interior decoration enormously and also doing his landlady, Mrs. Legiere, of Waller place, a good turn. All tastes are not similar, however, and when Mrs. Legiere took a look at her property she immediately expressed complete disapproval, and started a heap of trouble for her former tenant. As the result, Brewster was arrested last night by Detective Sergeant Edward White and Detective Vocola, charged with damaging property.

According to the story told the police, Mrs. Legiere notified Brewster several weeks ago that he would have to seek another dwelling. Brewster accepted this ultimatum with fairly good grace, and while hunting for another house conceived the idea of redecorating the apartment at 28 Laura street. He is said to have secured some grey paint and to have applied it to the paper and woodwork in two rooms. The actual application of the paint was a good job, but upon close inspection by Mrs. Legiere about a week later it was found that the paint came off when touched with the hands or clothing. It was then that Mrs. Legiere started the trouble for Brewster which resulted in his arrest last night.

A complete investigation of the case is being made by the detective bureau, and in order that this may be completed, the city court today granted a continuance until July 15.

DR. C. W. STRANG AFTER 53 YEARS PRACTICE RETIRES

Dr. C. W. Strang, one of the oldest practicing dentists in Bridgeport, will close his office in the First Bridgeport National bank building the early part of next week and retire from his practice. Dr. Strang who is one of the pioneer dentists of this city, has practiced his profession in this city for the past 53 years. He was born in Jefferson Valley in November, 1844, and came to Bridgeport 53 years ago when the mercantile district of the city was bounded on the north by Elm street and on the south by State street. He first opened his office on Main street, two doors below Elm, remaining there for eight years. Later he removed to the Barnum building and still later to the Sanford building, where he had his place of business for a good many years.

Dr. Strang was graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in 1867, and came to Bridgeport the following year. He has been in the First Bridgeport National bank building for the last four years. His son Dr. R. H. Strang has offices in the same building and has been practicing dentistry in this city for more than 20 years.

NO ONE-PIECE SUITS ALLOWED

Young women may wear one-piece bathing suits on the beaches of England, but at Fairfield beach the wearing of this sort of apparel is considered a flagrant violation of the law. Consider the case of a young lady who attempted the trick yesterday. She was noticed by a sheriff, and the shocked official bustled right up and told the fair bather that she would have to go in and put on some more clothes before she could leave the beach. Being a firm believer in the majesty of the law, the lady complied with the officer's request. An attempt to extend the sheriff a vote of thanks for his prompt action, was unanimously defeated by a large audience of young men who witnessed the performance.

NEW BRUNSWICK VOTING ON DRY LAW

St. John, N. B., July 16.—The province of New Brunswick voted today on a referendum which will empower the government.

1.—To retain the present bone dry prohibition law passed during the war, or

2.—To introduce wine and beer licenses, or

3.—To permit the sale of all spirituous liquors under license.

The campaign of the wet and dry forces has been bitter.

FORCED A WINDOW.

Burglars entered the residence of Antonio Plesky, 32 Railroad avenue, while the family was away this morning, and stole \$150 in cash and a quantity of jewelry. Entrance was gained by forcing a rear window.

CARPENTIER SAILS

New York, July 16.—George Carpenter was one of 5,000 passengers on four liners leaving today for European ports.

Take Sharp Issue With the City Attorney's Opinion and Declare That the Action of the Common Council Was Most Unusual—Say They Could Not Provide for It In Last Year's Contracts.

The Bridgeport Teachers' Association today issued a protest against the action of the Common Council in refusing to authorize an issue of short term notes to cover the cost of the state aid to teachers. The teachers in the protest say that the action of the board was unusual and extraordinary and they say that the board should not have dismissed the petition with such scanty consideration. The protest:

"On Tuesday, July 6, the Common Council of Bridgeport refused to authorize the issuance of short term notes whereby the Board of Education would be enabled to give to the teachers their share of the state aid grant on the ground that it is illegal to make a gift of the public funds. 'The Bridgeport Teachers' Association respectfully protests this unfair disposition of a just cause.

"The teachers declare that it is illegal to make a gift of the public funds. They define the term 'gift' as an outright donation for which no return is asked or expected. A loan is not a gift. The money which the teachers asked was not to be a gift, but a loan for which they offered the sound security of the State of Connecticut as prescribed by law in Chapter 343 of the Public Acts of 1919.

"The teachers maintain that the entire question as submitted to the City Attorney is unfair. It is not aimed at the true issue; it is inaccurate; it gave the City Attorney no opportunity of deciding in favor of the teachers. The City Attorney stated his acceptance of the question in his introduction. 'I have your request for my opinion as to the power of the Common Council by a special appropriation to vote to the school teachers of Bridgeport a sum of money in addition to the contract price set forth in their several contracts.'

"The Common Council was not asked to vote any sum of money directly to the teachers. The entire matter lay between the common Council and the Board of Education and originated in a request made by the Board of Education to the Common Council on June 7, 'that proper procedure be taken to place the disposal of the Board of Education a sum of \$57,897.60 for the school year 1919-20. The legislature of Connecticut had already laid down exactly the condition under which the City of Bridgeport was to be fully reimbursed. In making this request, the Board of Education acted on behalf of the Teachers' Association. The teachers believe that the Common Council has full power to authorize an emergency loan to any city board.

"It is significant that on June 7, the aldermanic body with 23 members present voted to postpone action for the full amount requested by the Board of Education within the time specified by law. Ultimate action on this vote was halted by a statement from the Board of Education that the money asked for had been already included in the salary increases voted April 1, 1920.

"The Teachers' Association here repeats its already published answer to the statement that they have received their share of the state aid grant. The teachers believe that any additional salary received by them between April 1st and June 7, 1920, constituted an increase in salary voted them by the Board of Education of the City of Bridgeport. They believe that the state contributed no part of this increase. Moreover, the teachers do not wish to accept any money from the state as part of a contract price into which they enter with the City of Bridgeport. They originally agreed to accept the money on the assurance that it was an extraordinary grant, that it was to be independent of any and all salary increases and that it was to be equally distributed among the teachers. The teachers have consistently opposed any incorporation of state aid with local increases. Whatever virtue there may be in state control of, or participation in municipal contracts, the teachers of Bridgeport are not at this time ready to accept it.

"The City Attorney further rules that 'the state aid grant should be anticipated in the contracts.' Obviously, such anticipation was impossible. The money in question was due for the year 1919-20. The legislature which passed the bill creating May 1919. The State Board of Education did not rule that teachers could legally claim the grant until July 1919. The Bridgeport contracts were signed early in June, 1919. The teachers had no opportunity of contracting for state aid, had they so desired.

"The City Attorney states that 'a grant of extra money is expressly prohibited by the constitution of the State of Connecticut.' The teachers direct attention to the fact that the legislature of the State of Connecticut, provided for the grant. Chapter 343 is part of the state law. Other townships, and municipalities bound by the same Connecticut law as Bridgeport have paid the grant to teachers as an extra and independent sum of money. Bridgeport must pay its share of the state aid whether or not its teachers share in the grant.